DRESS & GROOMING

FOR VISITORS TOURING BETHEL

SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES

Dress and grooming should reflect dignity and be well-arranged and modest.
—1 Tim. 2:9, 10.

Christians should not reflect a love of the world or any worldly tendencies.
—1 John 2:15-17.

Do not stumble others or offend them.
—2 Cor. 6:3, 4.

Our personal preferences should not be the only criteria for our choices.
—Rom. 15:3.

WHEN VISITING BETHEL, DRESS AS IF ATTENDING A MEETING FOR WORSHIP

"When [we are] visiting any of the branch offices of Jehovah's Witnesses . . . , our dress, grooming, and conduct should be similar to what is expected of us when attending meetings for worship at the Kingdom Hall." (*Organized to Do Jehovah's Will,* p. 138)

OVERLY CASUAL FOR TOUR

Appropriate dress for visiting Bethel

EVEN DURING LEISURE TIME, OUR DRESS AND GROOMING SHOULD ALWAYS BE DIGNIFIED

A "high standard should be observed by Kingdom publishers from the local area as well as those from more distant places who come to see and associate with members of the Bethel family and to visit the branch facilities." (March 1998 *Our Kingdom Ministry,* p. 7)

In the Bethel dining room, T-shirts, jeans, and sneakers, and slacks for sisters are not appropriate.

Acceptable casual wear for visiting a Bethel room or traveling in the neighborhood

EXTREMELY CASUAL DRESS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT BETHEL

"It has been noted that when visiting the branch offices, some brothers and sisters tend to be extremely casual in their dress. That is not appropriate when visiting these facilities. Our appearance should be exemplary, well-arranged, and modest, reflecting the decency and dignity that befit servants of Jehovah God.—1 Tim. 2:9, 10." (June 2002 *Our Kingdom Ministry,* p. 2)

Overly casual, sloppy, undignified

Sloppy, untucked shirt, baggy jeans

Denim skirt

Sweat suit

Untucked shirt, slogan T-shirt, undershirt, logo baseball cap, faded jeans

Bare midriff, tight-fitting clothes, plunging neckline, short skirt, high slit

WHEN PREPARING TO VISIT BETHEL,

ASK YOURSELF:

'Is my dress and grooming modest?' —*Mic. 6:8.*

'Does it reflect well on the God whom I worship?'

'Would others be distracted or offended by my appearance?'

'Am I setting the proper example for those who may be visiting for the first time?'

May we always, by our dress and grooming, "adorn the teaching of our Savior, God, in all things."—Titus 2:10. (See March 1998 *Our Kingdom Ministry,* p. 7.)

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